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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

Modifications to the Department Manual Chapter 112 DM 37 (formerly 110 DM 18) includes realigning the Department of the Interior's Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Program Management Office (PMO) from the Office of the Secretary to the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and Budget (AS-PMB). The Part and Chapter numbers were adjusted to reflect this change.

Background and Key Issues:

- The Office of the Secretary is in the process of realigning the Great American Outdoors Act Program Management Office to better coordinate and implement the Great American Outdoors Act (Public Law 116-152).
- Rather than residing in the immediate Office of the Secretary, the PMO will be housed in the Policy, Management, Budget Office (PMB) where there will be a closer link to the budget process and Land and Water Conservation Fund implementation.
- The Director of the GAOA PMO, will continue to oversee the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund and report directly to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-PMB.
- Guiding and coordinating the activities of the four Interior Department Bureaus to complete deferred maintenance projects in an efficient, transparent, and equitable manner is a high priority for the Department, and leadership believes ensuring the office is closely aligned with PMB and the implementation of grant programs will be most effective.

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